JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Administrative Law Court, Seat 2

1. NAME:

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Mr. John Davis McLeod

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

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Columbia, SC, 29201

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(office): 803-734-6403

2. Date of Birth: 1942

Place of Birth:

Colorado Springs, Colorado Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes.

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes.

- 5. Family Status: Married on June 1, 1968, to Virginia Martin Ingram McLeod. Never divorced; two children.
- Have you served in the military? Fall of 1961 through February 27, 1964: 6. United States Naval Reserve; Seaman Apprentice; Serial# XXX XX; Honorable Discharge in 1964.
- 7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure. The Citadel, attended the full academic year 1960-61; USC 1961-64, BA, English; USC Law School, 1964-67, JD.
- 8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
 - S.C. only. Admitted in September 1967.
- 9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.

Undergraduate

- 1961-64 Sigma Alpha Epsilon-President; (a)
- 1961-62, Naval ROTC Smallbore Rifle Team.

Law School-1964-67

- Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; (a)
- 1966, Appellate Advocacy Competition. Cannot remember dates.
- Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. 10. Include only the title and date of any continuing legal or judicial education course completed. .

None. I am no longer required to attend CLE because of age.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?

I have lectured at the SC Bar Program "Bridge the Gap" for new lawyers.

- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. None.
- 13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.

Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina and the Federal District Court in 1967.

- 14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.
 - (a) 1967-69, Staff Att'y.,Legal Dept.,S.C. Public Service Authority, real estate and administrative law;
 - (b) 1969-2005, general practice of law in sole practice in Winnsboro, S.C.—I phased out of criminal law and almost all domestic law for the last 10 years or so of my practice;
 - (c) 2005 to present, service as Administrative Law Judge.
- 15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, <u>Best Lawyers</u>, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super <u>Lawyers</u>, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any. My last rating by Martindale-Hubbell was "AV."
- 22. Have you ever held judicial office?

Yes. First elected to Seat #2, Administrative Law Court on February 2, 2005 and serving continuously since. The Administrative Law Court (ALC), generally speaking, has jurisdiction of appeals and contested cases arising from state agencies. The significant limitation on the jurisdiction of the ALC is that while it can decide if a constitutional right has been abrogated, it cannot rule on the constitutionality of a statute.

- 23. If the answer to question 22 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
 - (a) Too Tacky Partnership v. SCDHEC and Mayo Read, Jr. 05-ALJ-07-0165-CC, affirmed by 386 S.C.32, 686 S.E.2d 194 (SC App. 2009)
 - (b) <u>Spectre, LLC v. SCDHEC, et al</u>, 06-ALJ-07-0711-CC, reversed by 386 S.C. 357, 688 S.E.2d 844(SC 2010)
 - (c) Original Blue Ribbon Taxi Corporation v. SCDMV, 07-ALJ-21-0096-CC, affirmed by 380 S.C. 600, 670 S.E.2d 674 (SC App. 2008)
 - (d) Greeneagle, Inc. v. SCDHEC, 08-ALJ-07-0339-CC(Landfill case)
 - (e) Gary Slezak v. SCDPPPS, 09-ALJ-15-0019-AP(Parole denial case)

24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty?

I Never held public office. I am informed that my position as Town Attorney was not a public office.

- 25. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor. None.
- 26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? Yes. Ran unsuccessfully for S.C. House of Representatives in 1972.
- 27. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office?

Taught Adult Education at night for Fairfield County Schools 1969-70; Secretary Treas. and legal counsel to Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Ass'n. of Fairfield County, 1969-2005.

- 28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? None.
- 29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- 30. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

I would recuse myself from any matter involving Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Fairfield County where I was Secretary-Treasurer and legal counsel for 35 years.

31. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law

I was an invited guest at a dove shoot hosted by Westvaco Corporation about 30 years ago. All of the guests except my 7 year old son were ticketed for shooting over bait. I heard that it was dismissed. I never went to Court.

- 32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No.
- 33. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Yes. Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? No. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No. Some small tax liens were filed against me in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Fairfield County as a result of advice given by a CPA. A grievance was filed against me as a result

thereof and was dismissed without hearing. There is a larger one resulting from a refund made in error by the SC Tax Commission. Before I could determine what the refund was for, they filed a lien. All this was cleared up when I first went through screening in 2004.

34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law?

No. I brought a suit for partition of some family land and a counterclaim may have been filed.

- 36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No.
- 37. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? No.
- 38. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? No.
- 39. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. None.
- 40. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. None.
- 41. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. None.
- 42. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship. None.
- 43. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? No.

- 44. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No.
- 45. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No.
- 46. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? No.
- 47. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
 - (a) S.C. Bar Association;
 - (b) S.C. Association of Regulatory Attorneys (SCARLA);
 - (c) No offices held.
- 48. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere. None.
- 49. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek.
 - Eagle Scout; former Elder, Sion Presbyterian Church; formerly served on S.C. Bar Committee on Practice and Procedure; and six years experience on the Administrative Law Court.
- 50. References:
 - (a) Susan Taylor
 Provident Community Bank
 P.O. Box 540
 Winnsboro, SC, 29180
 803-635-5589
 - (b) Hon. Judy Bonds
 Deputy Clerk of Court for Fairfield County
 P.O. Drawer 299
 Winnsboro, SC, 29180
 803-712-6526
 - (c) Dr. Philip Wilkins 200 Woodland Terrace Winnsboro, SC, 29180 803-635-6162
 - (d) Mr. George B. Brazell 105 N. Vanderhorst St. Winnsboro, SC, 29180 803-635-5100

Mr. John S. McMeekin (e) 216 Evans St. Winnsboro, SC, 29180 803-635-4116

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: J.D. McLeod

Date:

July 23, 2011